

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know, Sir, whether our Government made a contribution to the Madras Government some time ago when there was plague in the Cumbum valley?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, that was for conducting certain experiments.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what the permanent proposals are for preventing the outbreak of plague?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A survey of rat-flea in the whole State, the installation of a fumigation chamber at Alleppey and various other things have been suggested by Dr. Sweet of the Rockefeller Foundation and Government have asked the Director of Public Health and other officers concerned to meet together, discuss the proposals and send up their recommendations as early as possible.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know whether the improvement in the plague situation at Alleppey is due to the immunity by inoculation or to the fact that there were no plague germs in the atmosphere?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not examined the atmosphere at Alleppey; but I think immunity has been created by inoculation.

PRESIDENT: Partly at any rate due to inoculation.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

Promotions in the Excise Department.

71. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the principle followed in the matter of giving promotions to the subordinates of the Excise Department as Inspectors; and

(b) the names of the persons promoted as Inspectors this year up-to-date (14-11-1111) and the ranks from which they were thus promoted?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (a) Seniority combined with qualification, efficiency, character and physical fitness are the guiding principles in the matter of giving promotions as Excise Inspectors.

(b) A *statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what the qualification referred to in the answer to part (a) of the question is?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The qualifications prescribed for the appointment may be seen in the Public Service Notification.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any rule that the Excise Inspectors should be only graduates?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There is no such rule.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any rule fixing the proportion of graduates and undergraduates among Inspectors?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There is no such hard and fast rule. Government have recently passed orders stating that the existing proportion of graduates among Inspectors is rather low and that in future preference may be given to graduates in the matter of promotion.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any fixed proportion or only a general direction that graduates should be given preference?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No fixed proportion in the matter of recruitment.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether any proportion is fixed for the recruitment of Inspectors from the staff of the Head Office and the Division Offices on the one hand and the Executive staff on the other hand?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There is no hard and fast rule in the matter.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to item No. 5 in the Appendix, may I know how that man happened to go into the Excise Department?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The reason is explained in the answer itself. He was a supernumerary hand in the Industries Department and was ordered to be absorbed in this Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any non-graduate Sub-Inspector or clerk getting above Rs. 50 who is senior to Mr. Govinda Pillai?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sub-Inspectors are getting only Rs. 45 or below. There are clerks getting Rs. 50 in the scale of Rs. 40-70.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the qualification prescribed by the Public Service Commissioner for appointment of Inspectors?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Inspectors are to be appointed by promotion. The Public Service Commissioner is concerned only with direct recruitment.

First Class Magistrate's Court at Changanachery.

72. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the citizens of Changanachery, who waited in deputation on the Dewan, have submitted a memorial pointing out the necessity for sanctioning a First Class Magistrate's Court at Changanachery; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken upon it?

Appendix II.

[Vide Answer to Question No. 67.]

Caste-war-statement of Excise Inspectors.

I Hindus

(1) Brahmins	...	8
(2) Nairs	...	20
(3) Other Caste Hindus	...	4
(4) Kammalas	...	Nil
(5) Nadars	...	Nil
(6) Ezhavas	...	5
(7) Pulayas	...	Nil
(8) Other Hindus	...	Nil

II Muslims

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III Christians

(1) Jacobite	...	1
(2) Marthomite	...	1
(3) Syrian Catholics	...	3
(4) Latin Catholics	...	2
(5) South Indian United church	...	1
(6) Other Christians	...	5

Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 71.

Statement showing the particulars of persons promoted as Excise Inspectors during 1111 (up to 14-11-1111)

Names of persons promoted.	Nature of promotion.	The ranks, the persons had prior to their promotion
1. Mr. T. J. Mathew B. A.	Acting	Clerk on Rs. 40-70
2. „ M. Karunakaran Nair B. A.	Acting	Do.
3. „ K. S. Mathew B. A.	Do.	1st Grade Sub Inspector on Rs. 45.
4. „ K. M. Mathen B. A.	Do.	Do.
5. „ S. Govinda Pillai	Do. (Reverted)	Supernumerary hand taken from the Industries Department now acting as 1st Grade Sub Inspector with a personal pay of Rs. 50.
6. „ P. K. Sankara Pillai B. A., B. L.	Do. (Reverted)	Permanent clerk on Rs. 25-5/3 40 now acting as clerk on Rs. 40-70.